

best and shall be happy in contributing in any degree to save c. s. c. the Country from the devastations which would most certainly without extraordinary exertions have soon extended much further than the Jerseys. I may probably continue here until the latter part of the week. We have nothing of any great consequence it is confidently reported that upwards of 30 Baggage Waggons fell the other day into our hands, and that the baggage of 60 or 70 other waggons was in such a situation that we should probably get it

I am Gent. with very great Respect,
Your most obed^t Serv^t

The Hon^{ble} Council of Safety
of Maryland

Th. Johnson Jun^r

[Depositions in the case of Richard Andrew.]

To the Honble The Council of Safety of Maryland.

Gent. In obedience to a letter sent this Committee from the last Convention, of certain persons in this County, having taken property from some of the inhabitants of Dorchester County, and on information being made to us, we summoned a certain Richard Andrew before us, who we find to have been the principal person in the outrages. Therefore have thought it my duty to inclose you the depositions made on oath against him by Joshua Willis and John Coleman. That you may take order therein as to you shall seem meet.

Signed by order of the Committee of Caroline County
January 20th 1777. Benson Stainton Chair^m

The deposition of Joshua Willis of Caroline County, Doth depose and say that on or about the 20th of October last, James Murrey's negro boy came to this deponants, and told him, his mistress desired him to come there, that he went and when he came, there was Richard Andrew with many others in a house of the said Murreys, a taking salt. Mrs. Murrey desired Willis to plead with Andrew to leave her some salt, for they had seventy in family, which he did the salt which he saw that they left, was about two Bushels or under. Said Andrew told him that there was more in the smoak house. After they had taken the salt, said Andrew with several others went into the house to M^{rs} Murrey and tendered her a dollar per Bushel for fourteen and a half bushels of salt, which she refused and said she had sold them none, if he had any account to settle with M^r Murrey he might do it, when he came from the convention, he left in paper money to the amount offered above, and further saith not.

Sworne to in Committee at Melvill's Warehouse before
January 20th 1777. Benson Stainton, Chairman.